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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 2 November 1966

The Director noted that Howard Brown has asked that there be an executive session at tomorrow's USIB meeting to discuss [redacted]

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He mentioned that the ambush in Korea might well have been in reaction to an ROK raid into North Korea in late October.

Kent alerted the Director to the possibility of a request from Tom Hughes for the updating of annexes to a paper on the Mahgreb.

DD/S mentioned that the University Associates will be in town today through Friday. He noted that the Civil Service Commission has changed its ruling on summer employment for dependents so that it now conforms with present Agency practices.

Bross asked whether Secretary Vance has been briefed on the "twenty questions" paper concerning SIGINT requirements which the Director sent to the Secretary of Defense. The Director arranged to meet with Bross [redacted] on this matter following the Morning Meeting.

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Bross raised the subject of satellite reconnaissance shots. The Director indicated that he will need advice on how to proceed to reduce the number of scheduled shots to conform with capabilities and requirements. (See Action 1)

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A-DD/S&T noted the reporting by DEFSMAC/NSA on last night's Soviet test of a possible orbital bombardment system. He said that it is not clear what the USSR is up to, and the Director suggested that his panel of missile experts (Strategic Weapons Intelligence Panel) review this problem.

A-DD/S&T called attention to a report [] on a catastrophic nuclear accident on the Soviet icebreaker Lenin. The Director indicated that this could be a tricky problem. (See Action 2)

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A-DD/S&T explained to the Director that the item in Saga magazine on the SR-71, while based on inside information, does not appear to result in a security leak.

DD/P noted an Agency report on indications of Israeli moves against Syria. [] asked Godfrey to provide an appropriate specialist for the Watch Committee meeting this morning. (See Action 3)

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Executive Director asked DD/S to be sure that General Cabell is contacted by the proper people before his trip to the Far East.

The Director noted a developing pattern of Soviet propaganda attacks []

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The Director discussed the handling of security in connection with the President's trip and the enormity of the Agency's contribution. DD/P suggested that the DD/I's contributions to the President's trip be included in the briefings for PFIAB.

ACTIONS:

1. The Director asked DD/I to check on the status of Cuban overflights and to give him a note on COMOR's recommendation on this matter. (DD/I before noon, 2 November)

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3. The Director asked that the Watch Committee address itself on a pro tempore basis to the outbreak of hostilities in the Middle East.



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